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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 17-19, 23, 33-37, and 39-72 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 4, 33-37, 39, 40, 46-53, and 65-72 had been withdrawn. The previous Office Action dated May 27, 2004 included a Request for Restriction, rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, and objections to certain claims. A Reply was submitted on September 27, 2004. This Supplemental Amendment is being presented as a result of a telephonic interview with the Examiner on December 10, 2004.

The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner in the telephonic interview, and the indication of allowable subject matter. During the interview, the Examiner informed the undersigned that Restriction Groups II and III can be combined and are allowable should the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be overcome. In reply, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection, and Applicants gratefully acknowledge the notification of allowable subject matter from both Groups II and III. The Examiner agreed to allow submission of three additional method of treatment claims directed to three separate therapeutic indications from the Markush listing in current claim 42 (see new claims 102-104). Additionally, it was agreed that upon an indication of that current claim 17 is allowable, the objection to claims 18, 19, 55 and 61 would be rendered moot. Lastly, it was agreed that Restriction Group II includes claim 19.

Should the Examiner feel these remarks and amendments do not accurately reflect the substance of the interview, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at her earliest convenience.

For purposes of clarity, Applicants are canceling claims 1-72 and submitting the allowable claim set as new claims 73-107. These are renumbered claims from

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Restriction Groups II (claims 17-19, 23, 41-45, 54-64; note that claim 41 was cancelled in the previous rely) and III (previously withdrawn claims 33-37, 39, 41-45, 65-72; note that claim 41 was cancelled in the previous rely). The following table correlates the new claim set with the previously pending claim set:

CLAIM NUMBERS		CLAIM NUMBERS	
NEW	OLD	NEW	OLD
73	17	91	66
74	18	92	67
75	54	93	68
76	55	94	69
77	56	95	70
78	57	96	71
79	58	97	72
80	59	98	36
81	60	99	37
82	61	100	39
83	19	101	42
84	62	102	new
85	63	103	new
86	23	104	new
87	33	105	43
88	34	106	44
89	35	107	45
90	65		

I. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Office Action rejects Claims 17, 41-45, 54 and 56-60 under the doctrine of double patenting over claims 2, 4, and 19-24 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,492,396.

Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection with respect to the claims in Groups II and III.

II. OBJECTIONS

The Office Action objects to Claims 18, 19, 55 and 61 as being dependent upon a

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rejected base claim.

Applicants submit that the objection is rendered moot by the indication that claim 17 is allowable.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that all the claims are in form for allowance, and an early notification to that end is respectfully requested. Entry of the remarks and amendments and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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